

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

October 24, 2001

<b>IN RE:</b>	)	
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<b>APPROVAL OF THE INTERCONNECTION AND</b>	)	<b>DOCKET NO. 01-00703</b>
<b>TRAFFIC INTERCHANGE AGREEMENT FOR</b>	)	
<b>CELLULAR AND OTHER 2-WAY MOBILE RADIO</b>	)	
<b>SERVICES BETWEEN CITIZENS</b>	)	
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF</b>	)	
<b>TENNESSEE, LLC AND NTCH-ET, INC.</b>	)	
<b>PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE</b>	)	
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996</b>	)	

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**ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AND TRAFFIC INTERCHANGE AGREEMENT  
FOR CELLULAR AND OTHER 2-WAY MOBILE RADIO SERVICES**

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This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") upon the Petition for approval of the Interconnection and Traffic Interchange Agreement for Cellular and Other 2-Way Mobile Radio Services (the "Agreement") negotiated by and between Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC ("CTC-TN") and NTCH-ET, Inc., a commercial mobile radio service ("CMRS") provider. The Petition for approval of the Agreement came before the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 and 252.

The Agreement was filed on August 9, 2001, and was considered at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on October 9, 2001, in Nashville, Tennessee before Chairman Sara Kyle, Director H. Lynn Greer, Jr., and Director Melvin J. Malone. The Authority has jurisdiction over public utilities pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104 *et seq.* Based upon the Petition, the record in this matter, and the standards for review set forth in 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 and 252, the Directors unanimously approved the Agreement and made the following findings and conclusions:

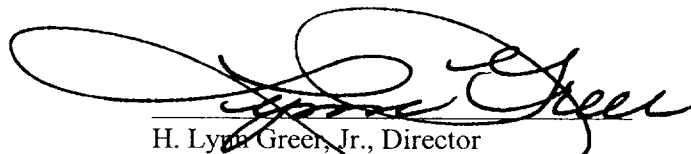
1) The Agreement is in the public interest as it provides consumers with alternative sources of telecommunications services within CTC-TN's service area;

- 2) The Agreement is not discriminatory to telecommunications service providers that are not parties thereto;
- 3) No party has sought intervention in this docket;
- 4) The Agreement satisfies the standards for approval of negotiated interconnection agreements set forth in 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 and 252;
- 5) This is a CMRS agreement and not an agreement between competing carriers;
- 6) By approving this Agreement, the Authority does not make a determination that the provision of wireless service to both business and residential customers within CTC-TN's service area rises to the level of facilities-based competition under 47 U.S.C. § 271(c)(1)(A); and
- 7) The Agreement is reviewable by the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 and 252 and Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104 *et seq.*

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

The Interconnection and Traffic Interchange Agreement for Cellular and Other 2-Way Mobile Radio Services between Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC and NTCH-ET, Inc. is approved and is subject to the review of the Authority as provided herein.

  
Sara Kyle, Chairman

  
H. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director

  
Melvin J. Malone, Director

ATTEST:

  
K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary